

Record of Environmental Consideration (REC)

REC FY05-31

From: DPW, Environmental Division

Project title: Construction of Southern California Edison Power Line: Tiefert Substation to Outer Loop Road.

- 1. Project Description:** Southern California Edison is constructing a second 33kV pole line to serve the National Training Center (NTC) and Fort Irwin. This new line will be constructed to the 50 feet to the West side of the existing 33kV line and will run parallel. The line will start at the Tiefert Substation (just West of the main gate) and end just North of Outer Loop Road where it will tie into the existing power line.
- 2. Mission Effects:** The mission of the NTC and Fort Irwin is to “Provide tough realistic combined arms and joint training focused at the battalion task force and brigade level, to assist commanders in training the soldiers, leaders, and units of America’s army for success on the modern battlefield. Provide feedback to improve the force. Take care of soldiers, civilians and family members.” The project will aid the mission by increasing electrical capacity and reliability.
- 3. Location:** From the Tiefert Substation to just North of Outer Loop Road.
- 4. Environmental Effects:** This project takes place inside the cantonment area and along heavily traveled trails and roads. The project area provides very little value as sensitive wildlife habitat, and does not support large amounts of vegetation. There is little chance of an encounter with a threatened or endangered plant or animal species. If an encounter with a desert tortoise occurs then work is to stop and DPW Environmental is to be contacted. The area has already been disturbed and this project is not going to add any adverse environmental effects to the area.
- 5. Anticipated date and/or duration of proposed action:** December 2005
- 6. Screening Criteria for Using a Categorical Exclusion:** This Categorical Exclusion/Record of Environmental Consideration meets the screening criteria as required in 32 CFR 651.29 (a). The action has not been segmented. No exceptional circumstances exist as defined under section (b) of 32 CFR 651.29. One (or more) CX encompasses the proposed action. There will be no cumulative effects on the environment as a result of this action. This action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. There are no threatened or endangered species (or critical habitat), significant archaeological resources, National Registered or National Register eligible historical sites, or other statutorily protected resources.


7. Reason for using record of environmental consideration:

- a. Is covered in an existing __EA__EIS entitled and dated: _____


The EA/EIS may be viewed at: _____

- b. Is categorically excluded under the provisions of CX **E-2** 32 CFR 651 (March 29,2002), Subpart D, (and no extraordinary circumstances exist as defined in paragraph 4-3), because:

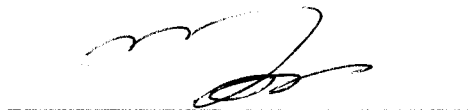
Acquisition, instillation, and operation of utility and communication systems, mobile antennas, data processing cable and similar electronic equipment that use existing right-of-way, easement, distribution systems and/or facilities.


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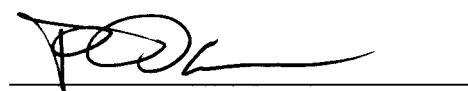
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